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Mayor Jim Schmitt Reaches Agreement on County Sales and Room Taxes

(Green Bay, WI)—I am pleased to announce that after numerous meetings with area leaders, we have been able to reach an agreement in principle with County Supervisor, Pat Evans, on the Expo Hall tax agreement. Under the proposed terms, the municipalities will receive the excess sales tax for use directly in their districts once all of the County projects identified are completed. In addition, the City will commit its room taxes to the new expo hall, and the parties will establish a maintenance fund for KI using 1% of the taxes collected. This will be similar to the maintenance funds being created for the Resch and the new expo hall. Once the projects are paid, the room tax will go back to the municipalities that generated it.

This is a clearer proposal than was originally presented and ensures all residents are able to benefit from these taxes. We would like to thank area leaders for their collaboration on this matter, including Supervisor Evans and Ashwaubenon Village President Mary Kardoskee. We'd also like to thank Development Director Kevin J. Vonck, Ph.D., and City Attorney Vanessa R. Chavez, J.D., for their highly skilled and tireless work on this project. We are looking forward to bringing this proposal before the City Council, and Supervisor Evans will bring this back to the County Board as well.

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